

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2823

By Ms. Candaras of Wilbraham, petition of Gale D. Candaras and others relative to child support collections in the determination of transitional assistance benefits. Children and Families.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Gale D. Candaras	Shirley Gomes
Cory Atkins	Benjamin Swan

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO LET CHILD SUPPORT COME HOME.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Section 21 of chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—
- 3 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to
- 4 the contrary, a recipient shall not be required to include a child in
- 5 the assistance unit or to assign that child's support to the depart-
- 6 ment. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special
- 7 law to the contrary, the department shall not count any child sup-
- 8 port collections paid on behalf of a child who is not receiving ben-
- 9 efits paid by the department in determining the eligibility for
- 10 benefits of other family members.